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A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISPLAYING PRODUCTION DATA FOR IMPROVED MANUFACTURING DECISION MAKING

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The following Patents and/or Publications are submitted to comply with the duty of disclosure under CFR 1.97-1.99 and 37 CFR 1.56. Copies of each document is included herewith.

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U.S. Patent 5,612,886 to Weng, "Method and System for Dynamic Dispatching in Semiconductor Manufacturing Plants," discloses a manufacturing control system using a computer control of workflow.

U.S. Patent 5,818,716 to Chin et al., "Dynamic Lot Dispatching Required Turn Rate Factory Control System and Method of Operation Thereof," teaches a dispatching algorithm for use in integrated circuit manufacture.

U.S. Patent 5,559,710 to Shahraray et al., "Apparatus for Control and Evaluation of Pending Jobs in a Factory," discloses a system and a method to schedule the release of production lots into a factory.

U.S. Patent 5,889,673 to Pan et al., "Manufacturing Method and System for Dynamic Dispatching of Integrated Circuit Wafer Lots," teaches a system and a method to automatically and to dynamically dispatch lots in an IC manufacturing environment.

U.S. Patent 5,841,677 to Yang et al., "Method and Apparatus for Dispatching Lots in a Factory," discloses a system and a method to automatically dispatch lots to available machine processes.

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U.S. Patent 5,768,133 to Chen et al., "WIP/MOVE Management Tool for Semiconductor Manufacturing Plant and Method of Operation Thereof," teaches a system and a method for interactive data processing in an IC manufacturing plant.

Sincerely,

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